

Remarks

Fig. 4 is amended simply for more clearly or correctly defining the present invention and describing the characteristics, objects and efficacy of the present invention. The original Fig. 4 and the Claims support the amendments without introducing any new matter. Claims 1 and 12 are amended for more clearly defining the present invention and describing the characteristics, objects and efficacy of the present invention. The original claims 5 and 13 support the amendments without introducing any new matter. Claims 3, 9, and 14 are amended for overcoming the claim objection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

ABOUT THE DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the Claims.

Since proper corrections are now made in the drawings, the Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings have complied with the requirement. First, the further limitation about the first, second, and third hollow portions has been made in Claim 3. Therefore, the three hollow portions are all shown in Fig. 4. With regard to the X-axial, Y-axial, and Z-axial pressure-drawing modules, they are in fact the modules which can be driven either by the pneumatic module, the hydraulic module, or the motor-and-cam module. The relevant description can be found in the Specification (Pages 7-8). Generally, it is apparently obvious for one skilled in the art that the either the pneumatic module, the hydraulic module, and the motor-and-cam module can be used for providing the driving force. Since all the X-axial, Y-axial, and Z-axial pressure-

drawing modules are shown in the drawings, the requirement for showing the feature of the invention has been complied with. As to the pivot in Claim 11, it is shown in the revised Fig. 4 (pivot 313). Accordingly, all the features of the invention specified in the Claims are shown in the drawings.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement and containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art.

Since proper correction and further limitation are now made in the Claim 3, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Claim 3 has complied with the written description requirement. The recitation about the first, second, and third hollow portions in Claim 3, indicated unclear by the Examiner, has been further defined. As shown in Fig. 4 and described in the Specification (Page 7, lines 1-13), the test plate 4 includes the supporting plate 41 and the splint 42. The supporting plate 41 and the splint 42 both have hollow portions. More specifically, the two hollow portions of the supporting plate 41 and the splint 42 are overlapped, which forms the hollow portion of the test plate 4. The further limitation has been added in the Claim 3. Therefore, the unclear problem in Claim 3 indicated by the Examiner has been solved and a person skilled in the art is able to make and/or use the present invention in accordance with the claims.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 11-12 and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Wendt (U.S. Patent 4,854,039), Stewart et al. (U.S. Patent 3,680,805).

Nevertheless, the Examiner indicates the Claims 5-10, 13 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, the Claim 5 and Claim 13 are incorporated into the independent Claim 1 and Claim 12 respectively for further distinguishing the present invention from the prior art.

CONCLUSION

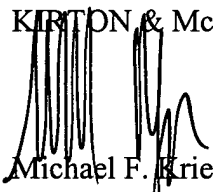
Based on the foregoing, Applicant believes that the claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with undersigned counsel.

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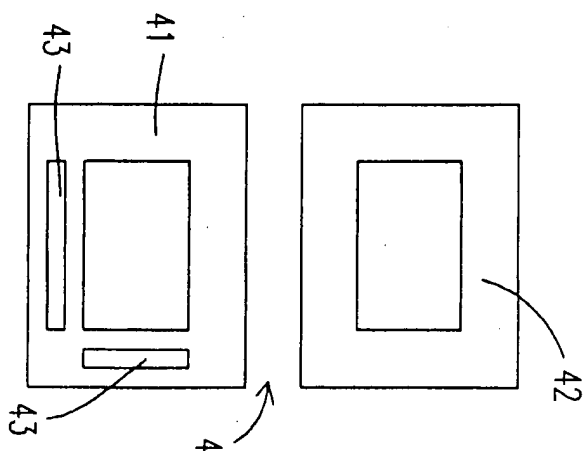


Fig. 4